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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3495

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS, CDDED (?), JM (SAUNDERS, ROBERT R.)

SUBJECT: REPORT OF SUSPECTED DROWNING OF ROBERT R. SAUNDERS

1. THE EMBASSY WAS NOTIFIED AT 11:00AM DECEMBER 5, BY THE LOCAL POLICE RADIO ROOM THAT THE CORAL GARDENS POLICE (NEAR MONTEGO BAY) HAD REPORTED THE SUSPECTED DROWNING OF SUBJECT AT ABOUT 4:00 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1973. SUBJECT HAD BEEN SWIMMING AT SUCCESS BEACH, ROSE HALL, WITH TWO AMERICAN FRIENDS. HAD SWUM FAR OUT TO SEA AND DISAPPEARED. HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.

2. THE NAMES OF THE FRIENDS ARE AS YET UNKNOWN. SUBJECT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GUEST AT TURTLE BEACH INN, ROSE HALL, WHICH ESTABLISHMENT HAS NO TELEPHONE. THE EMBASSY HAS SPOKEN BY TELEPHONE WITH CORAL GARDENS POLICE; THEY STATE THAT NO BODY HAS YET BEEN RECOVERED AND THAT INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

3. SUBJECT'S ADDRESS, AS GIVEN TO POLICE BY FRIENDS, IS ROUTE 1, BOX 271, BIRD-IN-HAND, PENNSYLVANIA 17505. SINCE WE HAVE NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF DEATH, NO ATTEMPT THUS FAR HAS BEEN MADE TO CONTACT NEXT-OF-KIN THROUGH UNITED STATES TELEPHONE INFORMATION OPERATOR

4. POLICE HAVE PROMISED TO HAVE MANAGER OF HOTEL AND AMERICANS CONTACT EMBASSY

5. ESSENTIAL PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION IS THAT EVENTS OCCURRED IN RURAL AREA WHERE TELEPHONES ARE LACKING AND WHERE  
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POLICE POSTS ARE MANNED BY ONLY SEVERAL OFFICERS. THEREFORE,

OUR ATTEMPTS TO HAVE POLICE CONTACT THE HOTEL HAVE NOT YET  
BEEN FRUITFUL.

6. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. BERKLEY

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